

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 13, 2001**

The Tippecanoe County Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2001 at 2:00 P.M. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Council members present were: President David S. Byers, Vice President Connie Basham, Jeffrey Kessler, Margaret K. Bell, Ronald L. Fruitt, Jeffrey A. Kemper, and Kathy Vernon; Auditor Robert A. Plantenga, Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Pauline E. Rohr.

President Byers called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He then called upon Rob Eyman, Associate Pastor at Covenant Presbyterian Church, to offer a prayer.

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

- Councilmember Kessler moved to approve the January 11, 2001 minutes as distributed, seconded by Councilmember Fruitt; motion carried.
- Councilmember Basham moved to approve the February 8, 2001 minutes as distributed, seconded by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.
- Councilmember Fruitt moved to approve the February 13, 2001 minutes as distributed, seconded by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

***FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Auditor Robert Plantenga***

Auditor Plantenga reported the 2001 uncommitted County General Funds through February 28, 2001 are \$1,622,036.96.

***INTEREST STATEMENT: Chief Deputy Treasurer Linda Boland***

Mrs. Boland explained that she could not present an Interest Report due to a system failure that is beyond their control.

***ROWE FARMS, INC.: Compliance with Statement of Benefits***

The Compliance with Statement of Benefits, Form CF-1, states that Mr. Rowe estimated he would hire thirty five (35) additional employees. He has actually hired sixty five (65) additional employees.

- Councilmember Kessler moved to find that Rowe Farms, Inc. is in substantial compliance, seconded by Councilmember Bell; motion carried.

***DECLARATORY RESOLUTION 2001-11-CL: Designation of ERA Area for Canam Steel Corporation***

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2001-11-CL**  
**TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**FOR THE DESIGNATION**  
**OF AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA**  
  
**APPLICATION**  
**OF CANAM STEEL CORPORATION**  
**DECLARATORY RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Tippecanoe County Council has been advised by Canam Steel Corporation (Applicant) of a proposed revitalization program, including certain real property redevelopment and rehabilitation and the installation of new manufacturing equipment, on land currently owned by Fairfield Builders Supply Corp. within Wea Township, Tippecanoe County, Indiana, identified as Key Number 146-0400-0029 with respect to which applicant has an option to purchase, and it has been requested by Applicant, on behalf of Fairfield Builders Supply Corp. to designate the area consisting of 32.01 acres more fully described on Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as an economic revitalization area under and pursuant to Indiana Code 6-1.1-12. 1; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tippecanoe County Council hereby finds based on the information provided by the applicant that the area described in Exhibit A is an area that has become

undesirable for or impossible of, normal development and occupancy because of a lack of development, cessation of growth, deterioration of improvement or character of occupancy, age, obsolescence, substandard buildings and other factors which have impaired values or prevented a normal development of property or use of property and that the designation of the area as an economic revitalization area would enhance the opportunity for the creation of new jobs and the protection of the current employment; and

**WHEREAS**, Applicant anticipates increases in the assessed value of such real property from the proposed redevelopment or rehabilitation of real property as such term is defined in Indiana Code §6-1.1-12.1-1(3), and anticipates the installation of "new manufacturing equipment" and has submitted an application and other documents, including a statement of benefits, to the Tippecanoe County Council as incorporated herein by reference; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tippecanoe County Council has reviewed the statement of benefits and other information brought to its attention, and hereby determines that it is in the best interest of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, to designate the area described in Exhibit A as an economic revitalization area and that the deductions under Indiana Code §6-1.1-12.1-3 should be allowed based on the following findings:

- (1) The estimate of the value of the redevelopment or rehabilitation and the cost of the new manufacturing equipment is reasonable for projects of that nature and equipment of that type.
- (2) The estimate of the number of individuals who will be employed or whose employment will be retained can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed described redevelopment and rehabilitation and installation of new manufacturing equipment.
- (3) The estimate of the annual salaries of those individuals who will be employed or whose employment will be retained can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed described redevelopment or rehabilitation and installation of new manufacturing equipment.
- (4) The other benefits with respect to which applicant has provided information, including the number of individual opportunities for employment, both temporary and permanent, and the compensation to be paid to employees, along with the value of the acquisition and construction of improvements, are benefits of the type and quality anticipated by the County Council within the economic revitalization area and can reasonably be expected to result from the proposed described redevelopment or rehabilitation and installation of new manufacturing equipment.
- (5) The totality of benefits is sufficient to justify the deductions.

**WHEREAS**, the Tippecanoe Council hereby finds that the purposes of Indiana Code chapter 6-1.1-12.1 are served by allowing the owner of said real estate the deductions provided by Indiana Code §6-1.1-12.1-3 for a period of ten (10) years and the deductions provided by Indiana Code §6-1.1-12.1-4.5 for a period of five (5) years;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tippecanoe County Council, Tippecanoe County, Indiana, that:

1. The area described on Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof is designated as an economic revitalization area within the meaning of Indiana Code chapter 6-1.1-12.1 from the date that an application is filed by the owner of real estate or new manufacturing equipment located within such area requesting a deduction for assessed value pursuant to either Indiana Code §6-1.1-12.1-5 or 6-1.1-12.1-5.5, through and including December 31, 2010, Provided, however, that the application must be filed within three (3) years from the date of this resolution's passage. These limitations are established pursuant to Indiana Code §6-1.1-12.1-2(i).

2. The owner of property within the above-designated economic revitalization area shall be entitled to the deductions provided by Indiana Code §6-1.1-12.1-3 for a period of ten (10) years with respect to real property which is redeveloped or rehabilitated as contemplated by and reflected in the Statement of Benefits as filed with Tippecanoe County.

3. The owner of new manufacturing equipment located within the above-designated economic revitalization area shall be entitled to the deduction as provided by Indiana Code

§6-1.1-12.1-4.5 for a period of five (5) years for new manufacturing equipment which is installed as contemplated by and reflected in the Statement of Benefits filed with Tippecanoe County.

4. Notice of the adoption and substance of this resolution and all other disclosure required by Indiana Code §6-1.1-12.1-2.5 shall be duly published in accordance with Indiana Code chapter 5-3-1, which notice shall state a date for a public hearing on this resolution and that on that date, after hearing objections and remonstrances and considering evidence thereon, this Council will take final action determining whether the qualifications for an economic revitalization area have been met and confirming, modifying and confirming, or rescinding this resolution.

5. If any part, clause, or portion of this resolution shall be adjudged invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of this resolution as a whole or any part, clause, or portion of the resolution.

ADOPTED on March 13, 2001, by the Tippecanoe County Council, Tippecanoe County, Indiana.

	VOTE	TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL
David S. Byers		<hr/> David S. Byers, President
Connie Basham		<hr/> Connie Basham, Vice President
Jeffrey Kessler		<hr/> Jeffrey Kessler
Margaret K. Bell		<hr/> Margaret K. Bell
Jeffrey A. Kemper		<hr/> Jeffrey A. Kemper
Kathy Vernon		<hr/> Kathy Vernon
Ronald L. Fruitt		<hr/> Ronald L. Fruitt

ATTEST:  
  

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Robert Plantenga, Auditor

EXHIBIT A  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

The East end of the North fractional half of the Northwest fractional quarter of Section One (1), in Township Twenty-Two (22) North, Range Four (4) West, described as follows;

Beginning at the Northeast corner of said North fractional half; running thence South 65.68 rods to the Southeast corner thereof; thence West 84.16 rods; thence North to the North line of said fraction; thence East 84.24 rods to the place of beginning, containing 34-1/5 acres, more or less;

EXCEPTING THEREFROM a part of the East end of the North fractional half of the Northwest quarter of Section 1 in Township 22 North, Range 4 West, more completely described as follows:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of the Northwest quarter of said Section; thence South 00 degrees and 20' East on the East line of the said Northwest quarter a distance of 175 feet; thence South 89°30' West and parallel to the North line of the Northwest quarter a distance of 100 feet; thence North no degrees and 20' West and parallel to the East line of the tract a distance of 175 feet to the North line of the Northwest quarter aforesaid; thence North 89°20' East on the said North line a distance of 100 feet to the place of beginning; said tract of land contains 40/100 (.40) acre, more or less.

EXCEPT:

A part of the Northwest Fractional Quarter of Section 1, Township 22 North, Range 4 West, described as follows: Beginning at a pin in the center line of Haggerty Lane that in Three Hundred Twenty (320) feet West of the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 1, Township 22 North, Range 4 West, thence South 00 degrees 50 minutes East a distance of one Hundred Seventy-Five (175) feet to an Iron Pipe; thence South 89 degrees West a distance of One Hundred Twenty (120) feet to an Iron Pipe; thence North 00 degrees 50 minutes West a distance of one Hundred Seventy-Five (175) feet to a pin in the center of the Road; thence North 89 degrees East on the centerline of the Road a distance of One Hundred Twenty (120) feet to the place of beginning. Containing 0.48 acres more or less. Located in Wea Township, Tippecanoe County, Indiana.

ALSO EXCEPT:

A part of the Northwest Fractional Quarter of Section 1, Twp. 22 North, Range 4 West described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the center of Haggerty Lane that in Five Hundred (500) feet West of the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 1, Twp. 22 North, Range 4 West. Thence South 00°50' East a distance of Two Hundred (200) feet; thence south 89° West a distance of one Hundred Eighty-Nine and 96/100 (189.96) feet; thence North 00°50' West a distance of Two Hundred (200) feet to the center of Haggerty Lane; thence -North 89° East along the center of Haggerty Lane a distance of One Hundred Eight-Nine and 96/100 (189.96) feet to the place of beginning, all in Wea Township, Tippecanoe County, Indiana.

ALSO EXCEPT:

Part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 1, Township 22 North, Range 4-West, Wea Township, Tippecanoe County, Indiana, described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Northern line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 1, said point being located North 90°00'00" West, 210.00 feet from the Northeastern corner of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 1; thence South 00°10'00" East, 175.00 feet; thence North 90°00'00" West 110.00 feet; thence North 00°10'00" West 175.00 feet to the Northern line o the Northwest Quarter of said Section 1; thence North 90°00'00" East, along the Northern line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section one, 110.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.44 of an acre, more or less.

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Greater Lafayette Progress President Mike Brooks accompanied Canam Steel Corp. General Manager Mike Eckert when he requested an abatement for a period of ten (10) years on real property and ten (10) years on new manufacturing equipment. He said they hope to sell their current property to a non-joist manufacturing company.

Referring to information on the Application, Councilmember Kessler complimented Canam for paying 100% of health benefits for employees and matching up to 2% for an employee's 401 K. He Canam to use a local contractor if possible.

- Councilmember Kessler moved to approve Declaratory Resolution 2001-11-CL for the designation of an ERA for a period of ten (10) years on real property and five (5) years on new manufacturing equipment, seconded by Councilmember Basham.

Auditor Plantenga recorded the following roll call vote:

David Byers	Yes
Connie Basham	Yes
Jeffrey Kessler	Yes
Margaret Bell	Yes
Jeffrey Kemper	Yes
Kathy Vernon	Yes
Ronald Fruitt	Yes

- The motion to approve Declaratory Resolution 2001-11-CL passed 7 – 0.

***TREASURER: Chief Deputy Linda Boland***

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS: \$1,400.00**

500.00 Office Supplies  
900.00 Travel & Training

Mrs. Boland requested an additional \$500.00 for Office Supplies to pay for changing the name on stamps, envelopes, and stationary. The request for an additional \$900.00 for Travel & Training is due to the Treasurer's young staff in terms of experience.

Councilmember Basham asked how much has been spent in these two accounts. Mrs. Boland responded that \$336.18 has been spent for Office Supplies and \$163.00 has been spent for Travel & Training.

Councilmember Kemper said he would prefer waiting for these appropriations until the current funds are lower, but he is willing to make an exception.

- Councilmember Bell moved to approve appropriations of \$500.00 for Office Supplies and \$900.00 for Travel & Training, seconded by Councilmember Vernon; motion carried.

***SUPERIOR COURT III:***

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS: \$1,165,224.00**

633,975.00 Institutional Care (Boys' School) (prior years)  
178,643.00 Institutional Care (Boys' School) (current year)  
303,937.00 Institutional Care (Girls' School) (prior years)  
48,669.00 Institutional Care (Girls' School) (current year)

Councilmember Kemper said he has not discussed this request with Judge Rush since the Council's Working Session last Thursday, but he is prepared to recommend appropriating \$150,000.00 today to begin paying down the debt. Councilmember Kessler noted that paying \$150,000.00 per year for the next ten (10) years was suggested as a pay-off schedule by Auditor Plantenga. He also thinks the Council should increase Superior Court III's 2002 Budget appropriation by approximately \$100,000.00 in an effort to prevent the shortfall that seems to occur annually. Auditor Plantenga agreed and pointed out that Judge Rush pays other institutions such as Johnson County from Institutional Care as well as the Boys' and Girls' Schools.

- Councilmember Kemper moved to appropriate \$150,000.00 toward the outstanding debt to the Boys' and Girls' Schools, seconded by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

***BUILDING COMMISSION: Unsafe Building Fund #24 (Tabled February 13, 2001)***

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: \$10,000.00**

10,000.00 Unsafe Building

This request has been withdrawn.

***PARKS DEPARTMENT: Superintendent Ron Dye***

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS: \$17,000.00**

17,000.00 Capital Equipment

Parks Board President John Gambs appeared with Mr. Dye to request \$17,000.00 for a new pick-up truck to replace a ten (10) year old truck that has cost approximately \$5,000.00 over the last three (3) years to maintain. An another option, they asked the Council to consider allowing the Park Board to keep fees charged for the use of certain facilities for allocation to an Equipment Replacement Budget.

Attorney Luhman advised that, if the Council chooses this option, it will have to adopt a resolution to allow these fees to be allocated to equipment. Auditor Plantenga reminded the Council that this revenue, approximately \$40,000.00, is figured into the County's Budget. Mr. Gambs pointed out that they are spending \$50,000.00 to \$60,000.00 per year for maintenance of vehicles. Leasing equipment was also discussed, but Mr. Gambs said they prefer to purchase the equipment rather than to lease it. Attorney Luhman pointed out that any agreement between the Council and the Park Board needs to be longer than one (1) year because they need an assured source of revenue to either purchase or lease equipment.

- Councilmember Basham moved to approve the \$17,000.00 appropriation for Capital Equipment, seconded by Councilmember Bell; motion carried.

***PROSECUTOR: Chief Deputy Prosecutor John Meyers***

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS: \$10,000.00**

10,000.00 Overtime

Mr. Meyers requested \$10,000.00 for Overtime for the remainder of the year to pay the Investigators who are frequently called upon to work evenings and week-ends. He said they currently have two scheduled cases that will require the Investigators to work overtime. In the past, they have been given comp time but this takes needed time away from the office.

- To cover the need for the short term rather than for the remainder of the year, Councilmember Kemper moved to approve \$5,000.00 for Overtime, seconded by Councilmember Kessler; motion carried.

***COURT SERVICES FUND 11: Judge Laura Zeman (Tabled February 13, 2001)***

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: \$12,000.00**

12,000.00 Drug Screens

***COURT SERVICES FUND 07: Judge Laura Zeman (Tabled February 13, 2001)***

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS: \$12,500.00**

9,000.00 Capital Outlay

3,500.00 Overtime

- Councilmember Kemper moved to take the requests for Court Services Fund 11 and Court Services Fund 07 from the table, seconded by Councilmember Kessler; motion carried.

Judge Zeman explained that the requested appropriation for Drug Screens (Fund 11) is to pay for drug screening inventory that will be reimbursed by user fees. The request for Fund 07 is to pay the current Case Manager overtime earned due to the vacant Director's position. Fund 07 currently has over \$200,000.00 of uncommitted funds from user fees. The Capital Outlay request is to equip the office.

- Councilmember Kemper moved to appropriate \$12,000.00 from Fund 11 for Drug Screens, seconded by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.
- Councilmember Kemper moved to appropriate \$9,000.00 for Capital Outlay and \$3,500.00 for Overtime from Fund 09, seconded by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

***SUPERIOR COURT VI***

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: \$1,318.00**

1,318.00 Capital Outlay

This request is for the purchase of a recorder that will be used in Chambers or outside the courtroom.

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve \$1,318.00 for Capital Outlay, seconded by Councilmember Bell; motion carried.

***PUBLIC DEFENDER: Amy Hutchison***

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: \$4,000.00**

4,000.00 Contract Services

Mrs. Hutchison requested additional funds to pay an investigator to fill in for her full time Investigator who is off due to illness. She said her department was given an additional Contract Attorney because of the new Superior Court VI, but that position hasn't been fill due to lack of need. If the Council doesn't want to appropriate additional funds at this time, she said there is approximately \$4,900.00 in that line item that can be used.. Councilmember Kemper recommended using those funds and returning to the Council at a later date if additional funds are needed.

No action was taken.

**HIGHWAY: Fund 25 (Cum Bridge): Executive Director Mark Albers**

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS: \$520,582.00**

7,664.00	Engineer's Assistant
728.00	Engineering Inspection Technician I
162,190.00	Engineering Services
150,000.00	Current Charges
175,000.00	Bridge #60 @ Concord Rd
25,000.00	Bridge #61 @ CR 150 E

**REDUCTION OF APPROPRIATION: \$125,000.00**

125,000.00	Ridge #62 @ CR 100 E
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<b><u>SALARY ORDINANCE</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>
Full Time	Engineer's Assistant	1,916.63	45,999.00
	Eng. Inspection Tech I	1,092.13	26,211.00

Mr. Albers requested additional funds for the Engineer's Assistant and Engineering Technician that were posted at entry level salaries. Since the two positions were filled from within the Highway Dept. by individuals with longevity, the extra funds are necessary. The request for Engineering Services is to cover expenses for the Kirkpatrick Ditch Project. The Current Charges request is to fund utility relocation expenses for the Kirkpatrick Ditch Project. Additional funds for Bridges #60 and #61 are needed to pay the amount over the Engineer's estimate. The request for reduction of funds for Bridge #62 is because the Engineer's estimate was too high.

- Councilmember Kessler moved to approve the appropriations for the Engineer's Assistant, Engineering Technician, Engineering Services, and Current Charges, seconded by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.
- Councilmember Kessler moved to approve the reduction for Bridge #62, seconded by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.
- Councilmember Kessler moved to approve the appropriations for Bridges #60 and #61, seconded by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.
- Councilmember Kessler moved to approve the Salary Ordinance, seconded by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

***RESOLUTION 2001-09-CL: Endorsing Amendment to EDIT Plan for Jail Expansion***

Resolution 2001-06-CM, amendment to the EDIT Plan for the Jail Expansion, was adopted by the Commissioners on February 20, 2001.

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**TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION 2001-09-CL**

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE ADOPTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE  
TIPPECANOE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCOME TAX CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, authority has been granted by I.C. 6-3.5-7-15 to the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tippecanoe, to adopt a Capital Improvement Plan for the County of Tippecanoe setting forth the uses of the revenues which Tippecanoe County shall receive from the Economic Development Income Tax duly adopted in the year 1989.

**WHEREAS**, the Tippecanoe County Council shall be involved in the consideration of appropriations and financing mechanisms; including but not limited to, bonds, as to the various projects set forth in the Capital Improvement Plan.

**WHEREAS**, the Tippecanoe County Council has previously ratified and endorsed prior Economic Development Income Tax Capital Improvement Plans as submitted by the Board of Commissioners in Resolution 90-4-CL dated May 7, 1990; Resolution 90-8-CL dated June 12, 1990, 1990; Resolution 91-14-CL dated August 13, 1991, Resolution 94-16-CL dated November 9, 1994, Resolution 96-06-CL adopted on April 9, 1996, Resolution 96-10-CL dated August 13, 1996, Resolution 97-17-CL adopted May 13, 1997 and Resolution 98-5-CL adopted January 13, 1998, Resolution 98-27-CL dated June 12, 1998, Resolution 98-35-CL dated July 29, 1998; and

Resolution 98-43-CL dated October 13, 1998; Resolution 98-47-CL dated November 10, 1998; and Resolution 99-16-CL dated March 9, 1999; and Resolution 99-21-CL adopted on April 13, 1999; Resolution 99-20 CL adopted on May 11, 1999; Resolution 99-31-CL adopted on October 12, 1999; Resolution 2000-09-CL adopted on February 8, 2000; Resolution 2000-20-CL adopted on April 11, 2000; and Resolution 2000-26-CL adopted on May 9, 2000; and Resolution 2000-30-CL adopted on June \_\_\_, 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tippecanoe County Council has had the opportunity to review the projects described in Amendment Number Twenty-Seven (27) to the Capital Improvement Plan adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tippecanoe pursuant to Resolution No. 2001-06-CM dated February 20, 2001, and is of the opinion that the additional projects set forth therein are a economic development projects as defined IC 6-3.5-7-13.1 for which the County may expend the revenues which Tippecanoe County shall receive from the Economic Development Income Tax and are beneficial and cost effective for Tippecanoe County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the proposed Project Number Twenty Eight (28), VISION 2020 - Greater Lafayette Progress, Inc., Project Numbered Twenty-Nine (29), funding for Architectural Fees for the Expansion of the Tippecanoe County Law Enforcement Facility Jail in the amount of \$650,000.00; and an additional Project Numbered Thirty (30), funding for new Financial and Human Resources Software, as identified on Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof are projects for which economic development income tax revenues may be used pursuant to IC 6-3.5-7-13.1; and that the Tippecanoe County Economic Development Income Tax Capital Improvement Plan should be amended to include said projects;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tippecanoe County Council endorses the Amendment Number Twenty-Seven (27) adding Projects 28, 29, and 30 to the Capital Improvement Plan and providing additional funding for Projects 4, 7, 10, 19 and 27 thereof adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tippecanoe pursuant to Resolution No. 2001-06-CM.

Presented to the County Council of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, and adopted this 13th day of February, 2001, by the following vote:

VOTE	TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL
David S. Byers	David S. Byers, President
Connie Basham	Connie Basham, Vice President
Jeffrey Kessler	Jeffrey Kessler
Margaret K. Bell	Margaret K. Bell
Jeffrey A. Kemper	Jeffrey A. Kemper
Kathy Vernon	Kathy Vernon
Ronald L. Fruitt	Ronald L. Fruitt

ATTEST:

Robert A. Plantenga, Tippecanoe County Auditor

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- Councilmember Kessler moved to approve Resolution 2001-09-CL, seconded by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.



**COMMISSIONERS: EDIT Fund 15**

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: \$650,000.00**  
650,000.00 Jail Expansion

- Councilmember Kessler moved to approve the appropriation of \$650,000.00 from EDIT Fund 15 for the Jail expansion, seconded by Councilmember Fruitt; motion carried.

***RESOLUTION 2001-10-CL: Endorsing Amendment to Cum Cap Plan:***

Resolution 2001-07-CM, amending the Cum Cap Plan to include Projects R, S, and T, was adopted by the Commissioners on February 20, 2001.

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**TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION 2001-10-CL**

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE AMENDMENT OF THE  
TIPPECANOE COUNTY CUMULATIVE CAPITAL TAX CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, authority has been granted to the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tippecanoe to adopt a Cumulative Capital Improvement Plan for the County of Tippecanoe setting forth the uses of the Revenues which Tippecanoe County shall receive from the Cumulative Capital Tax duly adopted in the year 1984.

**WHEREAS**, the Tippecanoe County Council shall be involved in the consideration of appropriations, financing mechanisms; including but not limited to, bonds, as to the various projects set forth in the Cumulative Capital Improvement Plan.

**WHEREAS**, the Tippecanoe County Council has had the opportunity to review the various projects as described in the Cumulative Capital Improvement Plan, and are of the opinion that they are beneficial and cost effective for Tippecanoe County.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, after due consideration, the Tippecanoe County Council hereby endorses the Cumulative Capital Improvement Plan adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tippecanoe pursuant to Resolution 2001-07-CM, a copy of which is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

Adopted and passed this the 13th day of February, 2001.

TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL

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David S. Byers, President

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Connie Basham, Vice President

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Jeffrey Kessler

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Margaret K. Bell

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Jeffrey A. Kemper

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Kathy Vernon

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Ronald L. Fruitt

ATTEST:

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Robert Plantenga, Auditor

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An error was noted on page 18 of Resolution 2001-07-CM under Project T, Capital Outlay for Information Services Computer Hardware and Software Replacement. The maximum amount of funds should be \$109,500.00 instead of \$650,000.00.

- Councilmember Basham moved to approve Resolution 2001-10-CL with the change on page 18 of Resolution 2001-07-CM to \$109,500.00 , seconded by Councilmember Kessler; motion carried.

**COMMISSIONERS: Cum Cap Fund 16**

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS: \$109,500.00**  
109,500.00 Capital Outlay (Information Serv)

- Councilmember Kessler moved to approve the appropriation of \$109,500.00 for Capital Outlay for Information Services, seconded by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

**COMMISSIONERS: County General Fund 01**

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS: \$3,671.00**  
3,265.00 Maintenance Director (Exec)  
250.00 Social Security  
156.00 Retirement

<b><u>SALARY ORDINANCE</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>
Full Time	Exec. Maint. Dir.		40,678.00

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve the additional \$3,671.00 for the Executive Maintenance Director, seconded by Councilmember Kessler; motion carried.
- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve the Salary Ordinance for the Executive Maintenance Director, seconded by Councilmember Fruitt; motion carried.

**TCOB/COURTHOUSE: County General Fund 01**

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS: \$3,574.00**  
3,179.00 Maintenance Director  
244.00 Social Security  
151.00 Retirement

<b><u>SALARY ORDINANCE</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>
Full Time	Maint. Dir.		36,512.000

- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve the additional \$3,574.00 for the Maintenance Director, seconded by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.
- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve the Salary Ordinance for the Maintenance Director, seconded by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

**AUDITOR: Settlement Fund 98**

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS: \$100,000.00**  
100,000.00 Professional Services

Auditor Plantenga explained that these are tax dollars the County will collect to pay Appraisal Management the agreed upon amount of 35% of the additional Personal Property tax dollars collected due to their audits.

- Councilmember Fruitt moved to approve the appropriation of \$100,000.00 to Settlement Fund 98, seconded by Councilmember Bell; motion carried.

**FAIRGROUNDS: County Agent Scott Rumble**

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS: \$148,000.00**  
148,000.00 Maintenance & Repair

Mr. Rumble appeared with Tom Osborne, President of the Fairgrounds Improvement Committee, to request an appropriation of \$148,000.00 for drainage, asphalt, and dust control at the Fairgrounds. Mr. Osborne said they hope this appropriation will be sufficient to also pave the two drives.

- Councilmember Fruitt moved to approve the appropriation of \$148,000.00, seconded by Councilmember Vernon; motion carried.

**COUNTY EXTENSION: County Agent Scott Rumble**

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS: \$5,430.00**  
5,430.00 Building Maintenance

This request is for repairs to the heating and cooling system at the Extension Office.

- Councilmember Fruitt moved to approve the appropriation of \$5,430.00, seconded by Councilmember Vernon; motion carried.

**INFORMATION SERVICES**

<u>SALARY ORDINANCE</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Full Time	Secretary	883.58/ 935.58	18,386.16

This request is for a IS/GIS Secretary position that will include reception duties for the GIS Department. No additional funds are necessary due to unfilled positions in the IS Department.

- Councilmember Fruitt moved to approve the Salary Ordinance for the Secretary position, seconded by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

**WILDCAT CREEK SOLID WASTE DISTRICT: Establish Property Tax Levy: Director Dawn Boston**

The Wildcat Creek Solid Waste District is requesting the establishment of a property tax levy by Clinton County and Tippecanoe County to provide consistent funding for their programs. Earlier today, Clinton County passed a resolution approving a levy of \$33,389.56. Tippecanoe County is being asked to approve a levy of \$188,427.45. Although Mrs. Boston also requested that the County council set a tax rate, Auditor Plantenga explained that the County Council approves a tax levy and the State Tax Board sets the tax rate. Attorney Luhman concurred. He said Clinton approve a tax levy of \$33,389.56, but not a tax rate.

Auditor Plantenga informed the Council that it is their choice to allow the Solid Waste District to receive a share of COIT (County Option Income Tax) revenue, but Mrs. Boston responded that they are not requesting COIT from Tippecanoe County or CAGIT (County Adjusted Gross Income Tax) from Clinton County.

Councilmember Kessler said two entities, Solid Waste District and County Library, are asking for a tax levy of approximately \$500,000.00. He thinks they have both served the community well and added to the quality of life. He said he realizes there are concerns about action that may be taken by the Legislature but hopes their indecisiveness won't affect us here. He thinks we have to address the needs of these two entities and encouraged action on the requests today.

Councilmember Vernon stated that she is hesitant to approve a tax levy at this time but will support a line item in the County General Budget. She said decisions by the Legislature do affect us.

Mrs. Boston responded that our generation is being asked to give tax money to support the environment. She said they need consistent funding to maintain their programs.

Councilmember Basham also hates to add a new tax when we don't know how we will be impacted by actions at the State level. She thinks funding from the County General Fund is a better option.

Councilmember Kemper favors the Council setting a tax levy less than the requested amount and supplementing from the General Fund.

Councilmember Bell said several small taxes impact taxpayers. Mrs. Boston responded that she thinks the public is OK with a new tax if they know where the money is going.

Councilmember Fruitt thinks we should approve the levy since we are working cooperatively with another county.

- Councilmember Fruitt moved to approve a tax levy of \$188,427.45 for use by the Wildcat Creek Solid Waste District, seconded by Councilmember Kessler.

Auditor Plantenga recorded the following roll call vote:

Connie Basham	No
Margaret Bell	No
David Byers	Yes
Ronald Fruitt	Yes
Jeffrey Kemper	No
Jeffrey Kessler	Yes
Kathy Vernon	No

- The motion to approve a levy of \$188,427.45 failed 3 – 4.
- Councilmember Kessler's motion to approve a tax levy of \$180,000.00 dies for lack of a second.
- Councilmember Kemper moved to approve a tax levy of \$160,000.00, seconded by Councilmember Kessler.

Auditor Plantenga recorded the following roll call vote:

Margaret Bell	No
David Byers	Yes
Ronald Fruitt	Yes
Jeffrey Kemper	Yes
Jeffrey Kessler	Yes
Kathy Vernon	No
Connie Basham	No

- The motion to approve a levy of \$160,000.00 passed 4 – 3.

Attorney Luhman announced that the revised resolution will be presented for approval at the April meeting.

***TIPPECANOE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY: Establish a Capital Fund Property Tax Levy: Van Phillips***

Councilmember Kessler said he supports a property tax levy for improvements to the Library. Their circulation has increase 100% over the past ten (10) years. Although he doesn't favor some of the Library's policies, he has confidence in the Library Board.

President Byers said this tax is an investment. He thinks the Library helps keep children out of the juvenile system and knows there is high usage by our Hispanic population.

- Councilmember Kessler moved to approve a property tax levy of \$275,000.00, seconded by Councilmember Kemper.

Councilmember Fruitt asked if the Library charges user fees. Mr. Phillips responded that they charge for late returns but no other user fees because they are a tax based organization.

Auditor Plantenga recorded the following roll call vote:

David Byers	Yes
Ronald Fruitt	Yes
Jeffrey Kemper	Yes
Jeffrey Kessler	Yes
Kathy Vernon	No
Connie Basham	No
Margaret Bell	No

- The motion to approve a property tax levy of \$275,000.00 passed 4 – 3.

***EARLY INTERVENTION PLAN 2001: DFC Director David Ling***

(quote)

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY  
EARLY INTERVENTION PLAN  
2001**

Reviewing the past 18-24 months of all the creative energy put forth in behalf of children and their families, who come to the attention of the Juvenile Court and Division of Family and Children, we can be collectively pleased with real progress in earlier interventions and permanency planning. Our objective was and is to be a catalyst via the Family and Children's Fund to create or be a partner in those activities that coincide with the mission of DFC and the expressed needs of our community.

One of the more salient outcomes of our Public Forums was the awakening that many groups began to recognize that there were problems common to everyone thus common problem solving could benchmark outcomes through sharing efforts and resources. The increases the DFC office is making in intervention monies have risen substantially for F. Y. 2001 and will continue in the future. As a direct result of funding our programmatic activities has resulted in a decline in the number of children requiring long-term institutional care. Why? Because services are now available to families that were absent 5 years ago. Thereby families who are in crises are assuaged through local interventive initiatives. (Please refer to Document #1).

We proudly suggest that members of the EIP Committee reflect the community by their willingness to actively participate in a myriad of events and programs.

Within the context of our role for this coming year, we cannot expect nor presume many other steps to be taken other than what is already set forth through others agenda. We suggest that our active endorsement of the Juvenile Center Task Force Plan be uppermost as the consequences of this endeavor should have more lasting resolution on a number of concerns this community has on the plight of children who enter the Juvenile Justice system. The work so far reflects gaps as well as strengths within the current environment.

Saying that, there still needs attention given to following DFC programmatic operational goals:

- 1) Transitional support services for children jointly identified by GLASS, DDARS and DFC who may or will require ongoing care/service beyond their 18 years of age.
- 2) Renewing the "Growing Child" initiative with added collaboration of County Health Department.
- 3) Increasing our local Foster Parent base with emphasis upon minority recruitment.

The forgoing action steps are currently being reviewed in committee format. Those plans, once finalized, will be outlined in our mid-year status report.

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Mr. Ling explained that Senate Bill (SB) 400 was an effort to stimulate discussion in communities regarding early intervention and to energize communities to look at ways to work with disadvantaged children. Mr. Ling believes that we have been more successful over the last two to three years in intervening than in past years. Funding for the various services is the Family and Children's Fund administered by the DFC. Housing for juveniles is a priority in the Plan.

- Councilmember Basham moved to accept the Tippecanoe County Early Intervention Plan 2001 and to acknowledge the programs that are being funded by the Family and Children's Fund, seconded by Councilmember Kemper; motion carried.

***OTHER BUSINESS***

President Byers announced the Commissioners will hold a special meeting with Financial Consultant Greg Guerrettaz at 10:00 A.M., Thursday, March 29, 2001.

Councilmember Basham would like to organize a visit to Delaware County by County officials to view their Youth Opportunity Center. She asked those who are interested to submit possible dates, and said she would like to rent a bus so all can travel together. When Councilmember Vernon

questioned how the bus rental will be funded, Councilmember Basham suggested they might secure a donation. The Council does have a Travel line item.

Councilmember Kemper said he would like to address the funding of a Financial Administrator position for Superior Court III at the April meeting.

### ***PUBLIC COMMENTS***

Norm Childress: Mr. Childress said he appreciated the compromise reached by the Council today but said the Library's funding needs are more than the amount approved today. He said the approval of the first step for the tax abatement requested early in the meeting was a reasonable investment in the community as was the request by the Library. He urged the Council to try to meet the real needs of the Library.

Joel Robinson, Library Director: Mr. Robinson thanked the Council for its consideration of the tax levy today.

Councilmember Fruitt asked for Mr. Robinson's response to calls he received concerning:

Why the Library is in competition with video stores?

The Library's lack of ability to decide who can check out certain materials.

Mr. Robinson responded:

Videos are a progression of changing formats over the years. People are using the Library for entertainment.

The Board annually reviews its policies regarding equal access because they are a government entity. A committee is appointed to examine video and Internet policy.

Mary Hall: Mrs. Hall expressed her frustration with the inability of taxpayers to communicate with the Council through the Commissioners' Office. She said she asked to leave a message for Councilmembers with the Commissioners' receptionist but was refused. Commissioner Benson responded that she heard messages being taken for the Council but said she would inform their staff that the protocol is to take messages for Councilmembers.

As a former Technology Coordinator, Commissioner Benson informed the Council that Internet software filters suggested for use at the Library do not work. She said it takes adult monitors. In her opinion, taxpayers will benefit from the improvements at the Library and applauds the Council for supporting the levy.

Stan Alexander: Mr. Alexander supported the tax levy for the Library. He questioned the Council's emphasis on the tax burden in their decision making process. In his opinion, money is not the bottom line.

Margaret McCabe: Ms McCabe, a Library user, said property taxes create local control. In her opinion, we have to support the Library to have a better community.

Councilmember Bell responded that she favors the Library but feels it is a bad time to raise taxes.

Councilmember Vernon responded that she also supports the Library.

Councilmember Basham interprets the State Code to say the Library can charge fees for book rental and other services.

Mr. Phillips reiterated that the Council will be asked to approve the tax levy annually.

### ***ADJOURNMENT***

- Councilmember Fruitt moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Basham; motion carried.

The next County Council Working Session will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 5, 2001. The next County Council meeting will be held at 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, April 10, 2001. Both meetings will be held in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building.

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL**

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor

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Kathy Vernon